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TO EXPLAIN GOVERNMENT'S VOCATIONAL OFFER

Camp Custer has sent a representative to the Owosso recruiting station to explain the Army Vocational Training schools at Camp Custer to anyone who wishes this information.

Marks-Mason

Miss Louise Marks and Quinten Mason were quietly married Nov. 26 at St. John's Evangelical parsonage. The bride and groom are well known Owosso young people. After a short wedding trip to Detroit and other points they will be at home to their many friends in this city.

ARBITRATION BOARD DISALLOWS CLAIM

A board of arbitration consisting of a representative of the state industrial accident board and one representative of each of the opposing sides Monday disallowed the claim of John Miller for \$400 against the American Malleable Co. He claimed to have been ruptured while at work at the plant. The physician testified that his ailment was an inflamed gland.

CHARTER REVISION PETITION FOUND INCOMPLETE

The petition submitted to the city commission a week ago asking for the calling of a special election to choose a commission to revise the municipal charter was returned to petitioners by the commission Monday.

In checking over the names signed to the petition, City Clerk Conant found that 222 were qualified electors; 28 names were not on the registration rolls at the addresses given, two lived outside the city and the clerk was unable to find two of the names at all.

FRED MILLER ELECTED SEC'Y OF SHIAWASSEE MUTUAL

Fred Miller of Vernon was Friday named secretary of the Shiawassee County Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Co. to fill the unexpired term of the late Z. D. Hurrell. The appointment was made by the board of directors which met at the court house.

Mr. Miller has served for several years on the board, and is well known in the eastern part of the county. He will be succeeded on the board by W. H. Launstein of Owosso.

Elks Memorial Service

The annual memorial service of Owosso Lodge No. 753, B. P. O. Elks, will be held at the temple on Sunday, Dec. 7, at 8 o'clock p. m. Elmer Col. A. H. Ganssner, commander of the American Legion of Michigan, will deliver the address and Patterson Dawson Post No. 67 American Legion, has accepted an invitation to attend the service in a body. Every member of Owosso Lodge should appreciate this honor and be present.

Warren Pierpoint will deliver the special eulogy.

DORCAS BOARD MEETS

A regular monthly business meeting of the Dorcas Board was held at the Dorcas Home Friday afternoon. There are now fourteen children under the matron's care, four having been admitted during the month and two having left owing to the remarriage of their mother.

Mrs. Sweet, chairman of the ways and means committee, reported having received \$329.57 from the home talent play given at the Strand. The officers and members were agreeably surprised by this report, no one having in mind that so much would be realized.

Rice-Rice

At the home of the bride's parents, Dr. and Mrs. L. F. Rice, occurred the marriage November 26 of Miss Dorcas Rice and MacFarland Rice, Rev. G. Mattson performing the ceremony. After spending some time at the home of the groom's parents at Midland, Mich., they are at home to their friends in Owosso where Mr. Rice has a responsible position with the Union Telephone company. Miss Rice is one of Owosso's regular young women and has been for some time in the employ of the D. M. Christian company. Many friends of the estimable young couple extend congratulations.

\$7,000 Fire at Car Shops

A loss estimated at \$7,000 was entailed Friday night when the two oil houses containing 2,000 gallons of oil in the Ann Arbor yards, were consumed with their contents by fire.

One of the buildings destroyed was 40 by 60 feet in dimensions and the other 30 by 40 feet. A box car dismounted from its trucks and also used as an oil house, was wrecked by the flames.

The government, it is understood, carries its own fire insurance.

The origin of the fire is not known. Arthur Sternaman, night oil house tender, was not in the oil house at the time, but was working in the office of the store.

BEET GROWERS TO MEET SATURDAY

A meeting of Shiawassee county beet growers is called for 2 o'clock p. m. Saturday, December 6, at the armory, to elect delegates to the state beet growers' association meeting, which is to be held in the Masonic temple at Saginaw on Monday afternoon, December 8. The officers of the county should be well represented at the state meeting and growers are especially urged to attend the local meeting.

In addition to the election of delegates an effort is being made to get Mr. Grantham, Soil and Fertilizer Specialist of the Michigan Agricultural College, to give a short talk on some phase of the fertilizer question as relates to sugar beet growing. Mr. Grantham has had charge of a large number of experiments in the state during the past year to determine fertilizers best adapted to sugar beet growing in different sections.

In co-operation with the Shiawassee county Farm Bureau three such experiments were carried on in Shiawassee county during the present year. This topic alone ought to be worth attending the meeting for.

MERCHANTS' CIVIC CLUB

Owosso's business men who met at the New Wildermuth Hotel Nov. 26, at an informal dinner organized The Merchants' Civic Club.

The object of the organization is for the members to take an interest in the civic, economic, administrative and sanitary conditions that exist in the city by getting in touch with specialists and men posted upon these different subjects, in the way of conferences and addresses, for the enlightenment, education and helpfulness to each member during these times of unrest and unsettled conditions.

Also to promote a new and enlarged interest in the advantage of Owosso as an economic trading center.

To strengthen the support the different organized efforts in the city and to bring about many and important improved conditions in the problems that confront its best interests.

The meetings will be held the first Wednesday in each month. The officers elected are: President, D. M. Christian; first vice president, Geo. U. Wright; second vice president, W. R. Goodrich; secretary, Carl Uhlman; treasurer, A. E. Foster.

RED CROSS SEAL SALE

The following chairmen have been appointed throughout the county to conduct the annual sale of Red Cross Seals, the proceeds from the sale going to fight the spread of tuberculosis. The quota for this county is 164,000.

County chairman—Mrs. Jennie Wiggins, Owosso.

Owosso, 1st ward, Mrs. L. L. Conn; 2nd ward, Mrs. Herman Dignan; 3rd ward, Mrs. George Alger; 4th ward, Mrs. Kilmurray; 5th ward, Mrs. E. T. Wilson.

City schools—Miss Leffingwell.

Newspaper—Mrs. Chas. Morden.

Posters—Mrs. Frank Rayen.

Theater—Mrs. Eugene Brewer.

Four minute speakers, B. P. Hicks and Van R. Pond.

County Chairmen

Chairman in Durand, Mrs. Chas. Hayner.

Perry, Stanley Wallace and Miss Alice Brown, of Junior R. C.

Laingsburg, Mrs. Wesley Parker.

Morrice, Mrs. C. W. Monroe.

Bennington, Mrs. Elmer Hibbard.

Henderson, Mrs. E. L. Bunting.

Byron, Mrs. Samantha Smith and Miss Daisy Eddy.

Corunna, Mrs. Louis Sheardy.

Vernon, Mrs. Frank Nichols.

Bennington twp., Mrs. Orrie Niles.

Burns twp., Mrs. Samantha Smith.

Maple River District, Mrs. Bert Cook.

Fairfield twp., Mrs. W. L. Killian.

Middlebury twp., Mrs. Wm. Brookins.

New Haven twp., Mrs. Etta Small.

Owosso twp., Mrs. Frank G. Lowell.

Rush twp., Mrs. E. L. Bunting.

Sciota twp., Mrs. Ed. Slocum.

Vernon twp., Mrs. Ed. Watson.

Vernon twp., Mrs. Lillian Fulton.

Hazleton twp., Mrs. Henry Miller.

Woodhull twp., Mrs. A. S. Purdy.

Ellis-Gower

A quiet home wedding was celebrated on Thanksgiving day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Ellis, in this city, when their daughter, Alice Emily, became the bride of Mr. John Gower of Fort Sheridan, Ill. Rev. C. D. Ellis, of Gregory, Mich., officiated.

The bride is well and favorably known in Owosso and adjoining communities, having spent her early girlhood on a farm in Albee township and later attending the high school in Owosso, where her parents retired from the farm. The groom joined the colors at Farmington, New Mexico, where his father owns a large fruit farm. He served nine months overseas in an engineer corps. Mr. and Mrs. Gower will be at home at 739 Stewart street Owosso, after Dec. 15.

FIRE AT BYRON DESTROYS SIX STORES

Six store buildings in the heart of the business district here, were consumed by flames which for a time threatened to sweep the village this morning.

The fire started in the ice cream parlor of John Lynd in an unknown manner. It spread rapidly through the store and then to the adjoining buildings. The buildings were all old and of wooden construction, and the flames, fanned by a strong wind swept through them with a rapidity that seemed for a time to menace the entire village.

Byron has no fire protection of any kind but the volunteer firemen fought valiantly with such equipment as they could get together, the bucket brigades doing yeoman service.

When the fire was at its worst and it seemed impossible to get it under control without help a call was sent to Owosso. The steam pumper, hose and several men including chief Howell responded, but before they arrived the flames had been gotten under control.

Most of the contents of the destroyed stores were saved but the loss on the buildings will amount to thousands of dollars. The stores which burned besides that of Lynd were those of O. N. Eddy, meat market; C. C. Hart, garage; the old hotel building, which had been used for the town hall, a store owned by James Sharpe and used for storage, and Fred Friend, garage. Two more store buildings nearby and owned by L. E. Powers and Sharpe, were saved.

There were only four stores left on the east side of the street.

BIG FARM GATHERING PLANNED AT M. A. C.

East Lansing, Mich., Dec. 4.—Special new exhibits on agricultural subjects and entertainment of a high order are among the things announced for the annual Farmers Week at the Michigan Agricultural college, which is to be held this year from February 2 to 6.

Speakers of national reputation, including Dr. E. V. McCollum, of John Hopkins University, H. C. Taylor, Chief of Farm Management, Washington, D. C., Dean Vivian, of Ohio State University, and many others will be heard by the assembled agriculturists during the week.

Annual meetings of a large number of Michigan's leading agricultural organizations will be held at East Lansing at the same time. These include The Michigan Crop Improvement Association, Michigan Maple Syrup Growers, Michigan School Commissioners, Michigan Horticultural Society, Michigan Muck Farmers, Michigan Potato Producers Association, and others.

Farmers, housewives, rural workers, and other interested in the agriculture of the state are expected to attend the one week gathering in great numbers. Indications are that the attendance record of more than 5,000 for the annual meeting will be broken this year, according to the men at the agricultural college who are in charge of arrangements.

GREAT STOCK RECORD HELD IN MICHIGAN

East Lansing, Mich., Dec. 4.—That the pure bred live stock record for Michigan, and probably for the entire United States, is held by Livingston County, is apparent from the results of a cattle census just completed in the county. A widespread movement to improve the breeding of dairy and beef cattle has been going on throughout the country during recent years, and the wonderful showing of Livingston County is held as a triumph for the live stock interests of the State.

Of the 424 bulls in service in the county only 2 per cent are rated as scrubs, 76 per cent being registered as such, and 22 per cent classifying as "grades." The census shows 321 herds of registered live stock, with a total of 3,668 animals, not including bull calves.

"Holsteins are predominant breed in the county," says County Agricultural Agent F. S. Dunks, under whose supervision the census was taken. "There are 275 registered Holstein herds, with 256 registered Holstein sires. Shorthorns rank next in the list, while there are seven other breeds that are represented by two or more pure bred bulls.

"Our scrub bull list has already been reduced to 10 individuals and we hope to eliminate these during the coming year. This will leave the county 100 per cent pure bred."

Other counties are rapidly approaching the standard set by Livingston, and it is believed that within a few years the entire state will be free from the production-lowering influence of poor breeding stock.

Mrs. Carrie Carlton of Shafterburg was Wednesday given a decree of divorce from Horace Carlton on grounds of cruelty. She was awarded property worth \$1,800 as permanent alimony. Edwin Jewell of Durand was freed from Della Jewell, on grounds of desertion.

WAR RISK INSURANCE HANDLED WITH DISPATCH

The speed and precision with which the Bureau of War Risk Insurance in handling cases, calling for the payment of insurance under the total and permanent disability feature of the law were emphasized in an unexpectedly substantial manner to a group of five wounded men who are patients at Walter Reed Hospital.

When the men reached the Bureau in the morning, they were unaware that their condition warranted payment of insurance on the policies which they held at the time they were wounded in France on account of total and permanent disability. Still less did they anticipate that within a few hours they could be examined by medical officers, awarded insurance and handed checks ranging from \$438.67 to \$888.47, covering insurance due them from the dates of their injuries, to take with them when they returned to the hospital. Yet this is exactly what happened.

All of the men who held war risk insurance policies and who are entitled to payments of insurance for total and permanent disability will receive "compensation" in addition to their insurance money, after discharge from the service. They would have received "compensation" automatically and regardless of whether they carried any War Risk Insurance, but they would not have received the insurance money if they had not carried insurance policies.

When one carries a War Risk Insurance policy and becomes totally and permanently disabled through sickness or injury, he becomes eligible to receive monthly payments of insurance as long as he lives. He does not have any more premiums. Every former service man or service woman who keeps up his or her government insurance will have this protection against possible total permanent disability, which may occur to anyone at any time from a variety of causes. The department has also made more liberal provision for re-instatement of lapsed policies before Dec. 31, by paying two months' premiums within three months following discharge, after which a certificate of health is also required. Service men who were re-instated by payment of all back premiums will be given credit on future premiums.

ROBE FACTORY SOLD

Announcement of the sale of the controlling interest in the United States Robe Co., of Corunna, to an eastern syndicate, was made Saturday afternoon by W. J. Simeon, general manager of the company. The deal was completed Saturday morning.

The new owners of the company have bought up several smaller industries of this kind in the country and will expand them all. Plans for the expansion of the Corunna plant have not been completed but it is understood that the industry will be greatly enlarged.

Mr. Simeon retains his stock in the company and will remain as general manager. Most of the stock in the concern was owned in this county.

LAINGSBURG

Mrs. Charles Swarthout has been spending a few days with relatives in Chicago.

Mrs. V. M. Curry was called here from Bay City last week to assist in caring for her father, who is critically ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Sowerby, of Bellingham, Wash. former residents here, are visiting in the E. E. Birby and S. Platt homes.

Miss Bessie Swarthout has been spending a few days with friends at Vernon.

Miss Dorothy Wilson, of Ypsilanti, is the guest of her sister, Miss Helene. Edgar Wright and Leland Austin have been attending the "Older Boys" conference at Flint.

Mrs. Geo. Simpson visited at the home of her sister, Mrs. Adams in Lansing over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Baker were in Flint Wednesday to attend the marriage of their daughter, Mrs. Emma Simpson to Clare Murdock of that city, which took place in their own home which they had already furnished.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Swarthout entertained a party of relatives Thanksgiving day at a noon dinner. Covers were laid for 26. Toasts to the host in the form of original poems were given by Edna Clise, of Bath, and Mrs. C. W. Blood.

Mrs. Edith Ferris and son, of California, have been spending a few days at the home of her sister, Mrs. Emerson Bennett.

Mrs. Geo. Leffler fell Thanksgiving day, injuring her knee quite badly.

Attorney Neil R. Walsh, of Owosso, was arraigned in the district federal court Thursday on a Newberry indictment. He stood mute, pleaded his own case and furnished bonds in the sum of \$1,000.

Washington Letter.

WILSON FOOLED LABOR IN INJUNCTION SUIT

Clayton Act Was Used in 1916 to Help Get Vote of Workers for Democratic Ticket (Special Correspondence.)

Washington, D. C.—It is the consensus of opinion in political circles in the National Capital that the Wilson Administration has irreparably lost its hold upon labor because of its use of the injunction in the coal strike after its promise, written into the Clayton antitrust act, not to do so.

Just as the President in 1916 gave an implied promise to keep the country out of war and failed to do so because of circumstances which he and others had foreseen, and just as he repeatedly asserted on the stump earlier in the year that the league of nations covenant would end all future wars in spite of preparation in several parts of the globe for conflict, so put through Congress an injunction law which is now abandoned in face of the necessity of getting coal.

Labor had for years been making a vain attempt to limit the use of the injunction by the courts in labor disputes as a means of protecting property and placing strikers at a disadvantage. In 1914 its leaders were therefore delighted when the Clayton act included the following provision:

"That no restraining order or injunction shall be granted by any court of the United States, or a judge or judges thereof, in any case between an employer and employees, or between employers and employees, or between employees, or between persons employed and persons seeking employment, involving, or growing out of a dispute concerning terms or conditions of employment, unless necessary to prevent irreparable injury to property, or to a property right, of the party making the application, for which injury there is no adequate remedy at law, and such property or property right must be described with particularity in the application, which must be in writing and sworn to by the applicant or by his agent or attorney."

Though the war has been over for more than a year, Judge Anderson's injunction was granted because of the application of the government, through the Attorney General, based upon the terms of the Lever war act to prevent any attempt to limit the production and distribution of food and fuel. It has been particularly distasteful to the mine workers because of the promise made in the law and not kept, as because violence to property had not been resorted to and the injunction was issued even before the strike began. Miners and all union workers are therefore incensed at the Administration which made its injunction legislation one of the bases for its plea for support from labor—that and the Adamson law and "thank God for Wilson, he kept us out of war."

What makes union labor all the hotter is the following statement issued by Secretary of the Treasury Carter Glass:

"Coal operators generally in the United States in the years 1914 and 1915 lost money when normal depletion and depreciation are taken into consideration. What is meant by this is that proper item in fixing costs, is depreciation of plant and depletion of the cost or value of the coal in the ground."

"In 1918 conditions were not so good in the Appalachian and central competitive districts, profits being reduced 25 to 30 per cent less than for the preceding year, the range being from 15 to 300 per cent on invested capital. In the West conditions in 1918 were better than in 1917, the profits in the Rocky Mountain districts ranging as high as 400 per cent on invested capital."

"Unofficial figures for 1919, incomplete of course, indicate that profits of the operators are less than for 1918, some of the operators claiming to have actually lost money."

THE HIGH COST OF BURLESONISM

Washington, Dec. 4.—The Republican Publicity Association through its President, Hon. Jonathan Bourne, Jr., today gave out the following statement from its Washington Headquarters:

"A few months ago the Postmaster General was a strong advocate of government ownership and operation of the telegraph and telephone systems, in which respect he followed humbly the lead of former Congressman David J. Lewis, of Maryland. Lewis had been the arch-champion of Government ownership, and was always ready to present enormous tabular statements which were alleged to demonstrate that private ownership was wasteful and expensive. Burleson swallowed the Lewis propaganda, hook, line and sinker.

"Acting under his war powers, and without any real war necessity, the President took over the telegraph and telephone lines and placed them under the control of Postmaster General

Burleson, who, in turn, placed them under the control of Lewis. Lewis, it should be remembered, was defeated for re-election by his Congressional District, in Maryland, was appointed to the Tariff Commission, and thence transferred to the management of the telephone and telegraph systems. We had a year of experience with government operation of the wire systems and the experience is about to cost the government \$14,000,000, or the amount of the deficit.

"It can scarcely be denied that the demonstration is complete. Mr. Lewis and his Democratic followers in the socialistic movement, confidently asserted that immense savings could be effected and rates greatly reduced under government management. They were given full and absolute control. They were dictators in the offices of the wire companies. They could and did remove supervisory officers at will. Almost the first act of their management was an increase in rates and their last act will be a call upon the treasury for an appropriation to pay their deficits.

"It is true that in some respects the wire companies were embarrassed by war conditions, but in other respects the war was an advantage to them. It gave them the largest business in their history—the government alone using the wire to an extent that is almost appalling. During the war period the wires were never idle, nor were the employees of the companies. They were earning revenues every moment of the day and night.

If it had been true, as alleged by Lewis and apparently endorsed by Burleson and President Wilson, that there were enormous wastes under private management which government management could avoid, the savings in that respect should have been great enough to cover increased expenses, and make increased rates unnecessary. But the savings were not effected, as inferentially promised. Expenses were increased, charges were increased, service was curtailed, efficiency was sacrificed, the business was demoralized, and, in the end, there is a deficit to be paid.

"But there is one consolation. Although it will cost the people of the country \$14,000,000, together with the increased charges, to learn by practical demonstration what government management means, the lesson is probably worth what it costs. We shall never again be troubled with the complicated tabulations intelligible to no one, by which Mr. Lewis claimed to be able to demonstrate the superiority of government management over private management. Mr. Lewis, like many other impractical theorists, will probably retain an honored position in the Wilson administration until 1921. Then he and all the rest of the costly bunch will go. He will deserve the thanks of the nation for having demonstrated the unsoundness of his own teachings."

DEATH OF WATER A. OSBORN

Walter A. Osborn for more than half a century a resident of Owosso, died Wednesday morning at his home on North Saginaw street.

While Mr. Osborn had been in failing health for the past five years, he was not forced to take to his bed until ten days ago, when he suffered an attack of bronchitis. This with heart trouble and infirmities of advanced age, resulted in his demise.

Mr. Osborn was born 80 years ago at Brimfield, Portage county, O., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Osborn. He grew up and was married in that county, and 54 years ago came to Owosso. He was a mechanic of extensive ability and for some time conducted a machine shop where Sturtevant & Blood's lumber yard now is. He was a member of the fire department in the days of hand apparatus. Later he went on the road for the Stonemetz Printing Co. of Philadelphia and was sent to nearly every state in the union setting up presses and other printing office machinery. Some years ago his firm sent him to Europe on important business and soon after his return, five years ago, he retired from active business and came home to be with his devoted wife, who was in poor health. She died two years ago.

Mr. Osborn was devoted to Masonry and always took an active part in the affairs of the Owosso lodge. He passed through all the chairs of the lodge some years ago. Even in his declining years his love for Masonry did not wane and he attended the meetings faithfully when able to do so. He last attended a meeting two weeks ago.

The deceased was a member of the Episcopal church. He was a kindly gentleman who was loved by his fellowmen for his many sterling qualities.

Surviving Mr. Osborn are one sister, Mrs. Jacob Boyd of Bennington township, two brothers, B. F. Osborn of Toledo and E. B. Osborn of St. Elmo, Tenn., also a niece, Mrs. Will E. Collins, of Detroit. Two children born to Mr. and Mrs. Osborn passed on years ago.

The funeral will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home. Rev. W. R. Dischard will officiate.